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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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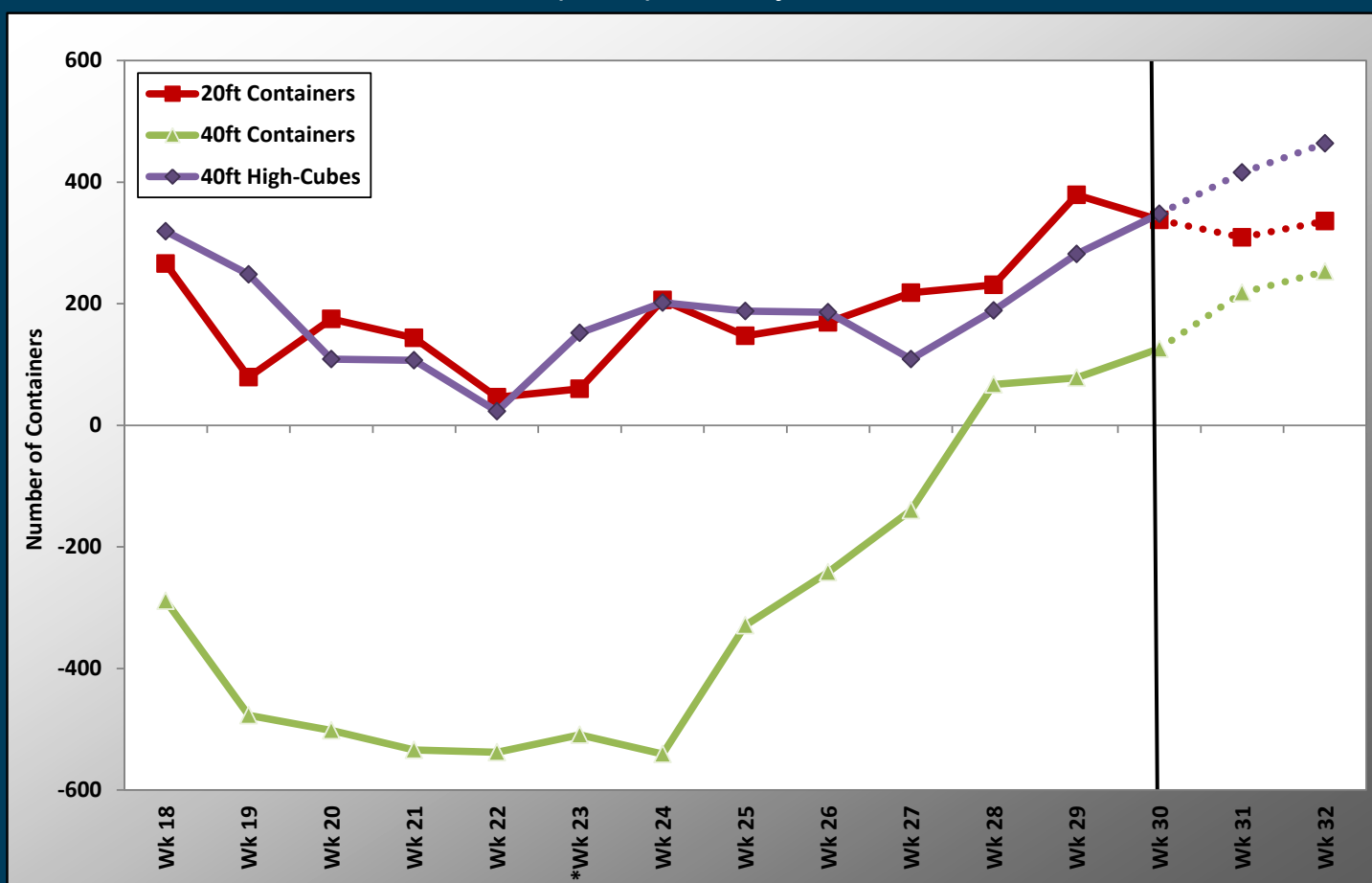
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Kansas City

The Kansas City inland port region is an important and growing intermodal hub for containerized grain exporters in the central part of the country. The Journal of Commerce recently reported that, “Industrial warehouse space has become particularly tight on the coasts and in port-centered markets, leading those who are seeking facilities above 500,000 square feet to set their sights on secondary hubs such as Columbus, Kansas City, and California’s Central Valley.” Between July and September of 2013, Kansas City moved more than 216,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products. Grains and grain products, including soybeans, made up nearly 80 percent of them. Meat products comprised about 10 percent and hides and skins about 3 percent. During the period, more than 99 percent of total agricultural exports through Kansas City were moved in containers. Agricultural exporters used Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) to move 25 percent of these products followed by COSCO at 14 percent and American Presidents Line (APL) at 12 percent.¹

Container availability estimates for 20ft and 40ft containers in Kansas City were on a downward trend through the end of May, but trended upward over the past several weeks. Similarly, estimates for 40ft high-cube containers were on a downward trend remaining well below zero until mid-June when estimates jumped more than 200 units to begin a strong upward trend, even reaching above zero during the past 3 weeks.² Increased import traffic from the West Coast Longshore Labor negotiations probably caused the increase in availability estimates through the Kansas City market. Projections by participating carriers over the next 2 weeks show increases in availability estimates for each of the dry container types.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Kansas City, first week of May (Wk 18) through 4th week of July (Wk 30), with Projections



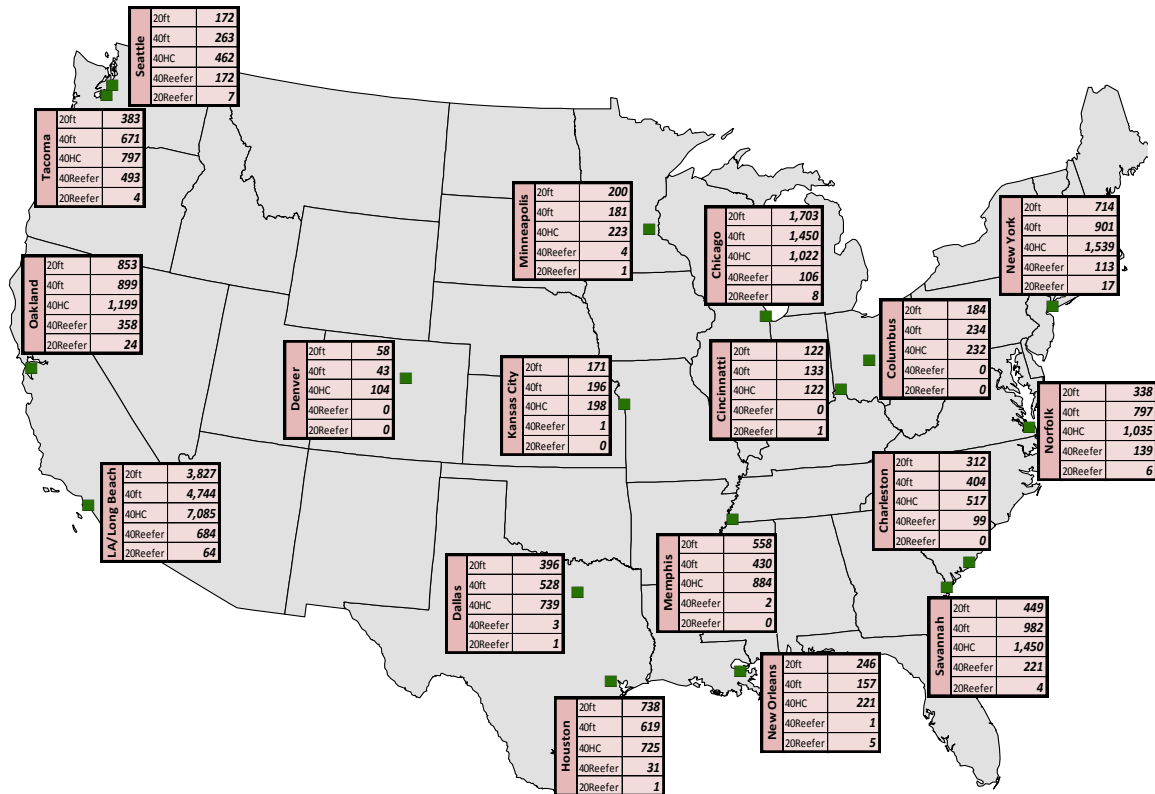
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .
² Estimates of zero indicate the demand for containers matches the supply. Estimates that are below zero indicate demand for containers is greater than supply. Estimates above zero indicate the supply of containers is greater than the demand.

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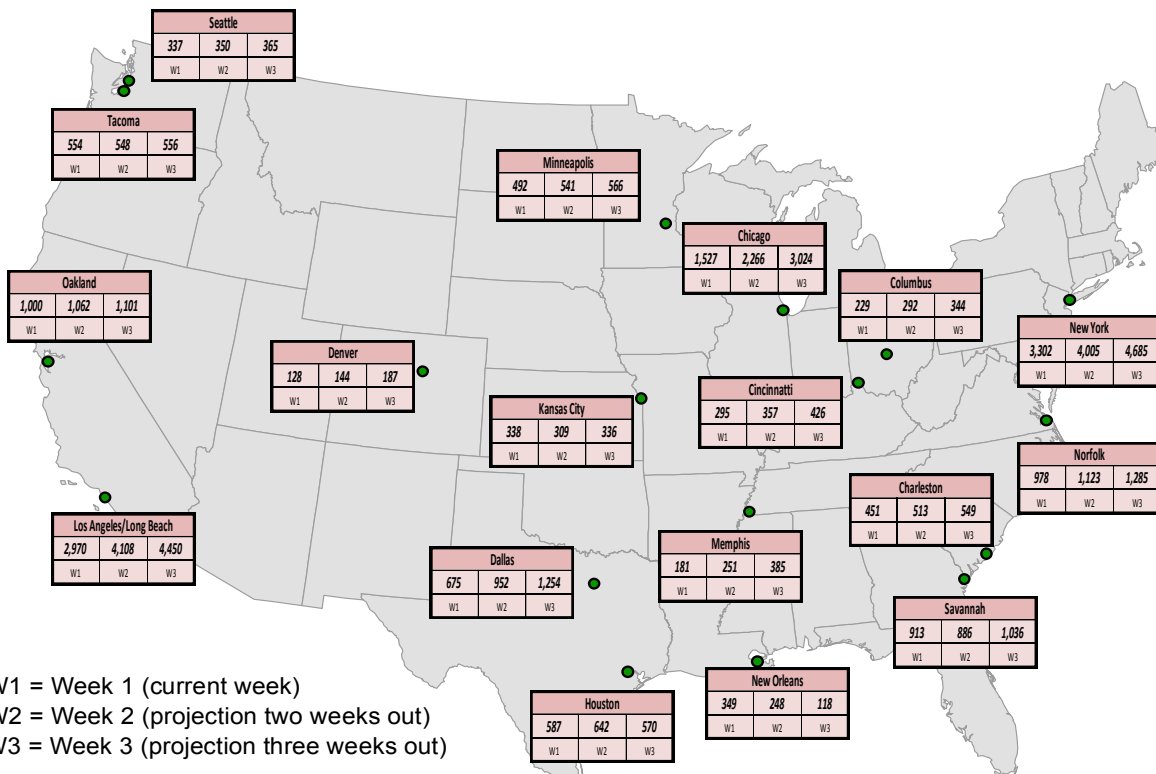
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



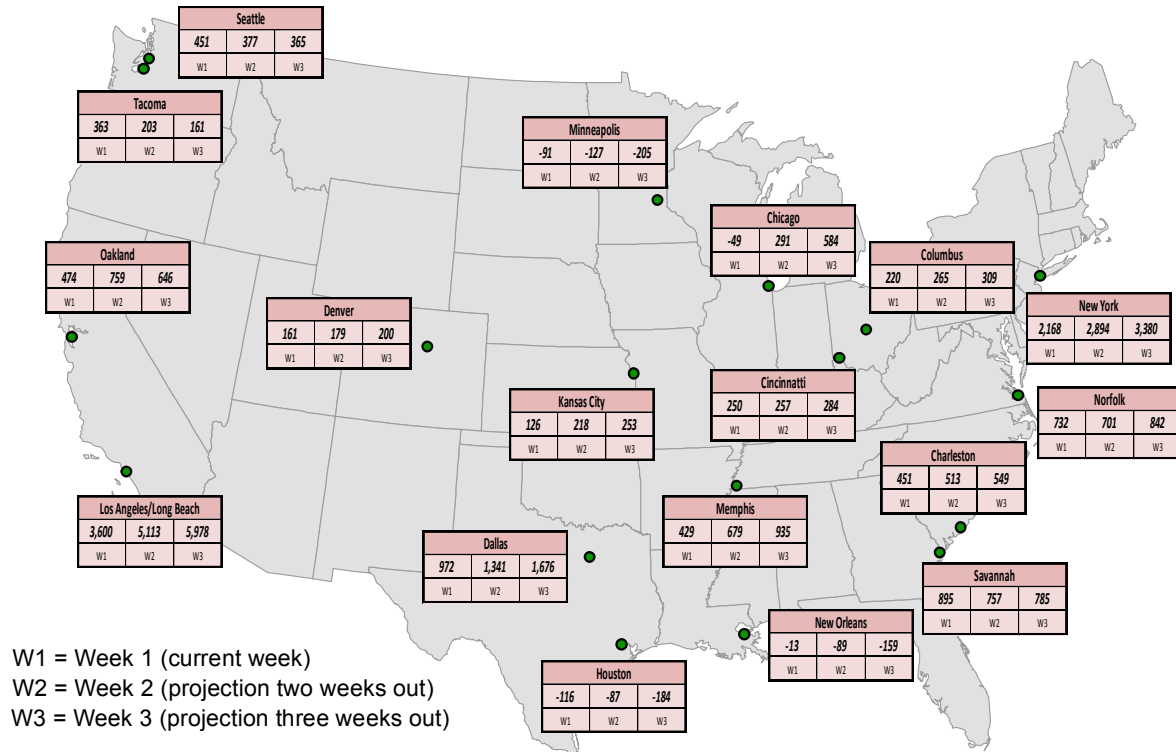
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



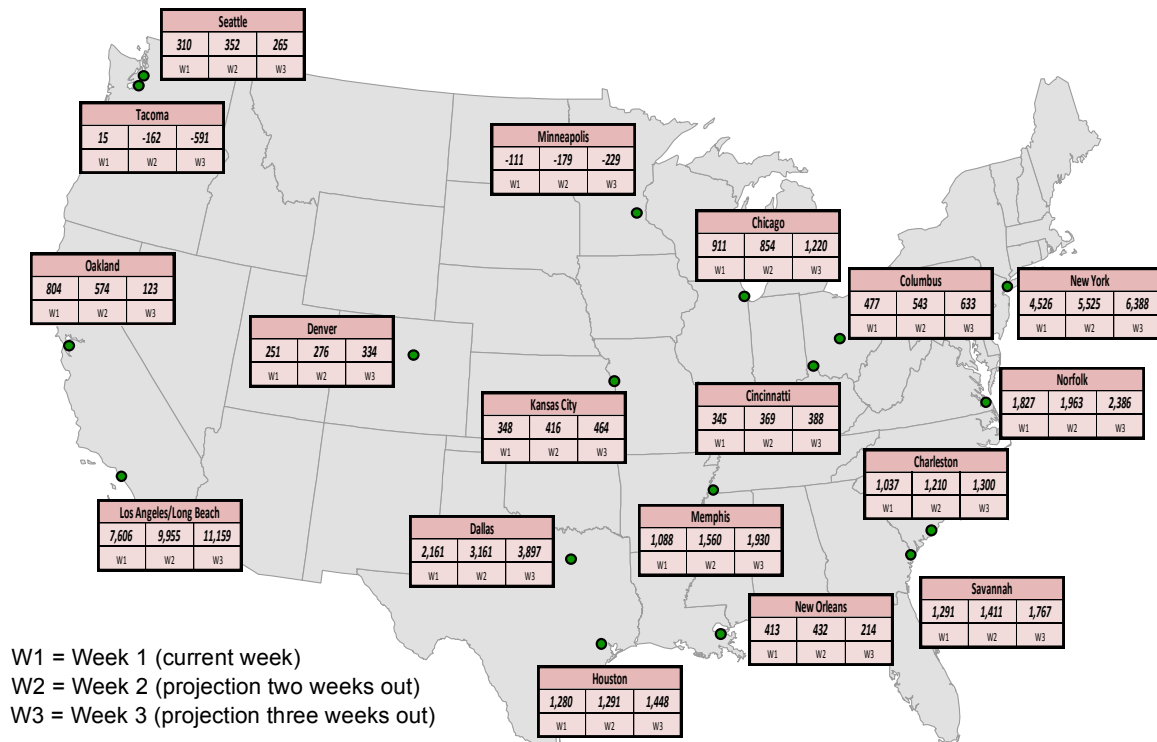
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

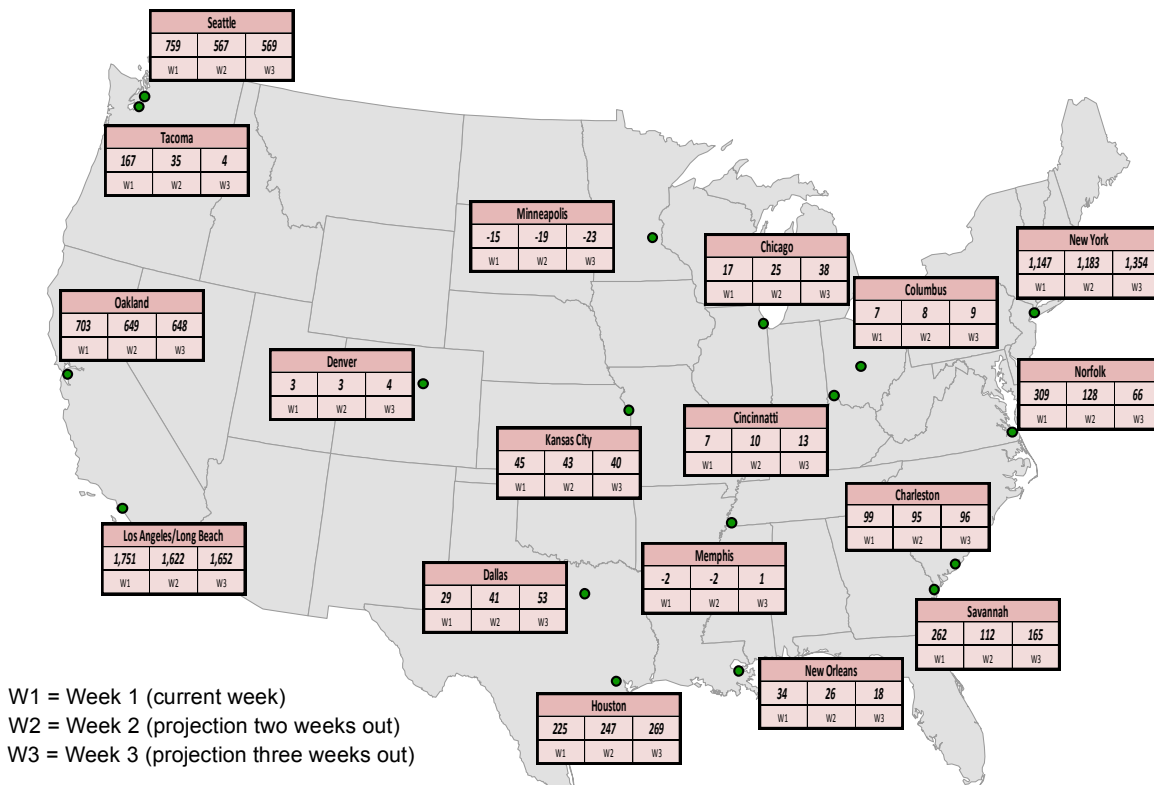


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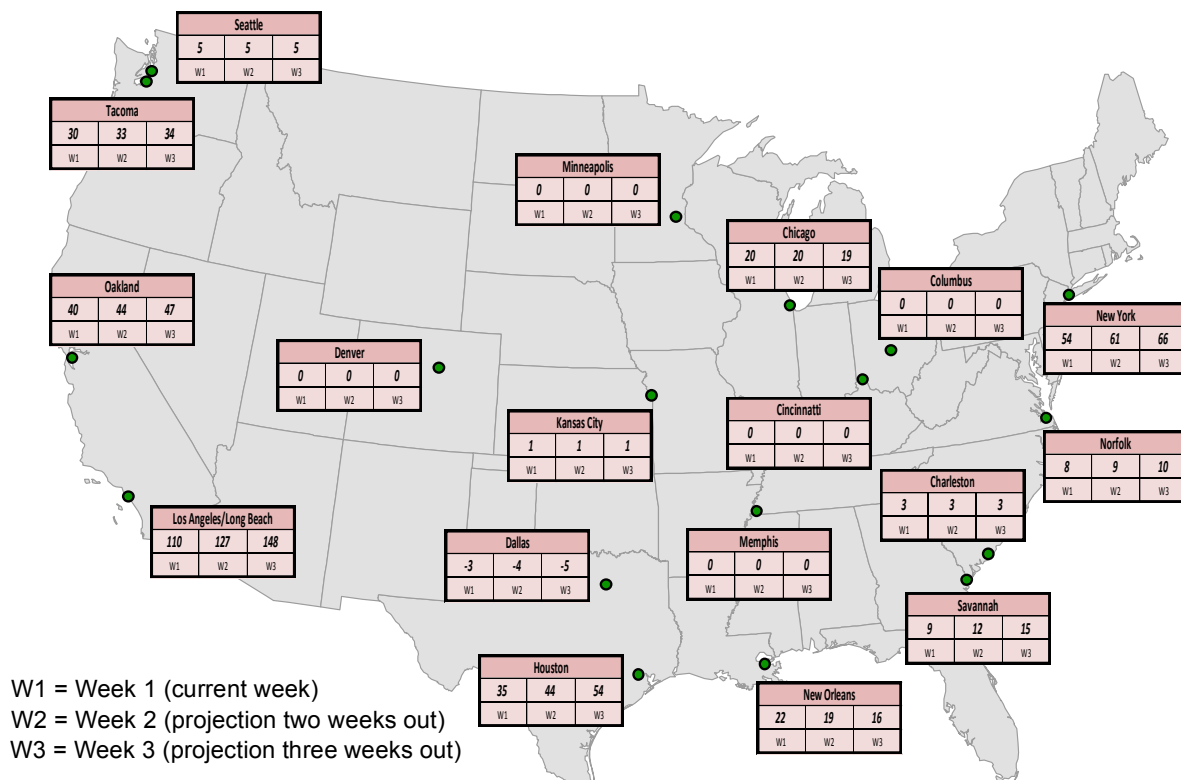
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	107	104	75	67	63	35	.	.	.	.	451
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	141	114	75	74	74	35	.	.	.	.	513
Week 3: Aug 6-12	169	121	75	65	87	32	.	.	.	.	549
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	206	138	92	80	34	-6	.	.	.	.	544
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	235	152	93	80	40	36	.	.	.	.	636
Week 3: Aug 6-12	238	121	88	80	40	81	.	.	.	.	648
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	377	235	200	178	30	17	.	.	.	.	1,037
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	344	348	200	195	43	80	.	.	.	.	1,210
Week 3: Aug 6-12	338	459	200	192	31	80	.	.	.	.	1,300
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	96	25	5	5	4	-36	.	.	.	.	99
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	95	34	5	5	0	-44	.	.	.	.	95
Week 3: Aug 6-12	91	41	5	5	0	-46	.	.	.	.	96
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Aug 6-12	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	1,064	199	190	101	100	-127	.	.	.	.	1,527
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,509	200	319	61	100	77	.	.	.	.	2,266
Week 3: Aug 6-12	1,959	225	478	55	100	207	.	.	.	.	3,024
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	353	91	22	-52	-63	-400	.	.	.	.	-49
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	465	100	19	-20	127	-400	.	.	.	.	291
Week 3: Aug 6-12	584	100	12	-11	299	-400	.	.	.	.	584
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	991	369	236	33	-118	-600	.	.	.	.	911
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,193	251	50	-1	-39	-600	.	.	.	.	854
Week 3: Aug 6-12	1,426	409	50	-20	-45	-600	.	.	.	.	1,220
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	20	7	0	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	10	39	0	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	25
Week 3: Aug 6-12	10	63	0	0	-35	.	.	.	.	.	38
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	18	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	17	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Aug 6-12	16	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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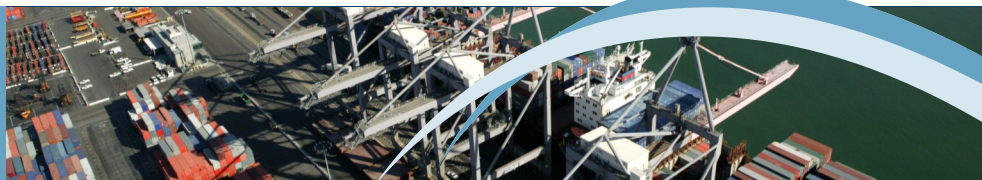


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	144	92	25	19	16	-1	295
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	180	115	15	33	16	-2	.	.	.	.	357
Week 3: Aug 6-12	205	139	14	51	16	1	.	.	.	.	426
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	91	48	41	36	36	-2	.	.	.	.	250
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	105	48	19	48	36	1	.	.	.	.	257
Week 3: Aug 6-12	118	48	18	64	34	2	.	.	.	.	284
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	258	52	24	12	3	-4	.	.	.	.	345
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	258	71	30	10	4	-4	.	.	.	.	369
Week 3: Aug 6-12	258	84	34	11	7	-6	.	.	.	.	388
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Aug 6-12	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	129	63	24	6	4	3	229
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	168	75	25	6	2	16	.	.	.	.	292
Week 3: Aug 6-12	205	86	26	6	1	20	.	.	.	.	344
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	76	44	39	26	24	11	.	.	.	.	220
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	102	44	55	30	23	11	.	.	.	.	265
Week 3: Aug 6-12	116	44	71	44	20	14	.	.	.	.	309
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	180	100	88	76	27	6	.	.	.	.	477
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	180	160	50	128	23	2	.	.	.	.	543
Week 3: Aug 6-12	180	206	50	159	34	4	.	.	.	.	633
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Week 3: Aug 6-12	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	286	202	98	69	23	-3	675
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	467	255	75	123	23	9	.	.	.	.	952
Week 3: Aug 6-12	637	349	82	153	23	10	.	.	.	.	1,254
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	261	243	241	181	34	12	.	.	.	.	972
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	249	322	444	252	34	40	.	.	.	.	1,341
Week 3: Aug 6-12	230	397	646	324	34	45	.	.	.	.	1,676
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	577	506	457	365	250	6	.	.	.	.	2,161
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	549	853	738	571	250	200	.	.	.	.	3,161
Week 3: Aug 6-12	525	1,190	905	827	250	200	.	.	.	.	3,897
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	29	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	42	-1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Aug 6-12	55	-2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Aug 6-12	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	80	16	13	9	6	4	128
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	107	3	12	5	13	4	.	.	.	.	144
Week 3: Aug 6-12	134	5	23	3	18	4	.	.	.	.	187
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	56	48	26	16	9	6	.	.	.	.	161
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	72	48	36	10	9	4	.	.	.	.	179
Week 3: Aug 6-12	90	48	44	8	8	2	.	.	.	.	200
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	113	52	40	20	20	6	.	.	.	.	251
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	140	69	35	20	5	7	.	.	.	.	276
Week 3: Aug 6-12	168	104	30	20	10	2	.	.	.	.	334
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Aug 6-12	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 6-12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	450	81	67	8	-5	-14	587
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	450	79	100	8	-50	55	.	.	.	.	642
Week 3: Aug 6-12	450	97	80	9	-115	49	.	.	.	.	570
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	88	81	25	15	14	-339	.	.	.	.	-116
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	131	85	25	100	7	-435	.	.	.	.	-87
Week 3: Aug 6-12	180	99	25	50	5	-543	.	.	.	.	-184
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	550	442	165	70	34	19	.	.	.	.	1,280
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	550	300	208	90	129	14	.	.	.	.	1,291
Week 3: Aug 6-12	550	300	265	122	200	11	.	.	.	.	1,448
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	148	43	32	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	225
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	175	10	60	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	247
Week 3: Aug 6-12	182	8	77	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	269
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	35	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	41	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 3: Aug 6-12	47	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	137	77	63	55	6	0	338
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	129	40	65	55	20	0	.	.	.	.	309
Week 3: Aug 6-12	148	35	68	55	29	1	.	.	.	.	336
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	98	46	44	2	-14	-50	.	.	.	.	126
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	111	60	61	1	35	-50	.	.	.	.	218
Week 3: Aug 6-12	119	76	72	-2	38	-50	.	.	.	.	253
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	125	84	83	27	22	7	.	.	.	.	348
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	125	105	104	59	20	3	.	.	.	.	416
Week 3: Aug 6-12	125	111	147	58	20	3	.	.	.	.	464
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	34	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	30	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	43
Week 3: Aug 6-12	25	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Aug 6-12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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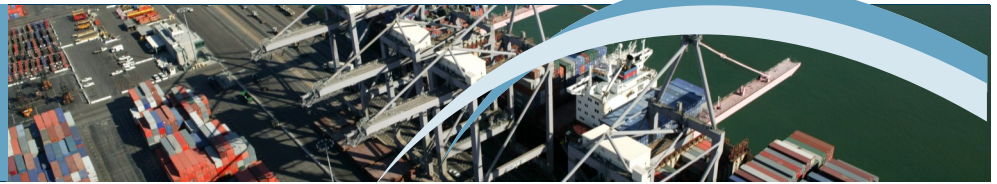


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	818	660	519	476	264	233	.	.	.	.	2,970
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,067	892	519	456	400	774	.	.	.	.	4,108
Week 3: Aug 6-12	1,169	1,124	519	628	450	560	.	.	.	.	4,450
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	1,076	718	714	672	215	205	.	.	.	.	3,600
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,606	1,040	714	755	638	360	.	.	.	.	5,113
Week 3: Aug 6-12	2,078	1,379	714	756	550	501	.	.	.	.	5,978
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	3,560	1,549	1,315	772	419	-9	.	.	.	.	7,606
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	3,560	2,119	1,500	1,023	1,776	-23	.	.	.	.	9,955
Week 3: Aug 6-12	3,560	2,889	1,500	1,559	1,680	-29	.	.	.	.	11,159
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	613	504	255	180	124	75	.	.	.	.	1,751
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	626	300	285	204	132	75	.	.	.	.	1,622
Week 3: Aug 6-12	691	300	313	132	141	75	.	.	.	.	1,652
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	66	34	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	110
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	81	36	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	127
Week 3: Aug 6-12	96	42	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	148

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	114	49	40	14	2	-38	181
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	118	47	40	58	1	-13	.	.	.	.	251
Week 3: Aug 6-12	187	44	40	101	3	10	.	.	.	.	385
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	239	193	61	36	-20	-80	.	.	.	.	429
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	286	314	90	36	-10	-37	.	.	.	.	679
Week 3: Aug 6-12	355	472	87	36	-8	-7	.	.	.	.	935
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	437	318	157	90	76	10	.	.	.	.	1,088
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	726	318	215	100	183	18	.	.	.	.	1,560
Week 3: Aug 6-12	936	318	281	100	284	11	.	.	.	.	1,930
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	1	0	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	2	0	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Aug 6-12	6	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Aug 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	294	101	50	47	18	-18	492
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	295	126	50	63	-1	8	.	.	.	.	541
Week 3: Aug 6-12	298	166	50	52	-6	6	.	.	.	.	566
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	39	27	2	-15	-69	-75	.	.	.	.	-91
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	42	10	25	-16	-113	-75	.	.	.	.	-127
Week 3: Aug 6-12	0	12	22	-8	-156	-75	.	.	.	.	-205
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	75	56	-15	-23	-50	-154	.	.	.	.	-111
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	81	20	20	-35	-50	-215	.	.	.	.	-179
Week 3: Aug 6-12	106	24	20	-58	-50	-271	.	.	.	.	-229
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	0	-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-19
Week 3: Aug 6-12	0	-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-23
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	0
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	0
Week 3: Aug 6-12	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	263	45	29	13	1	-2	349
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	194	35	11	13	-3	-2	.	.	.	.	248
Week 3: Aug 6-12	80	15	12	13	-2	0	.	.	.	.	118
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	26	4	2	-4	-15	-26	.	.	.	.	-13
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	31	30	2	-3	-13	-136	.	.	.	.	-89
Week 3: Aug 6-12	17	30	2	1	-15	-194	.	.	.	.	-159
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	279	50	37	24	23	0	.	.	.	.	413
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	296	50	35	28	22	1	.	.	.	.	432
Week 3: Aug 6-12	127	50	3	25	11	-2	.	.	.	.	214
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	23	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	20	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
Week 3: Aug 6-12	17	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	15	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	12	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Aug 6-12	9	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	1,017	856	537	414	240	238	.	.	.	.	3,302
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,466	800	644	414	196	485	.	.	.	.	4,005
Week 3: Aug 6-12	1,898	850	733	414	210	580	.	.	.	.	4,685
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	579	557	362	338	171	161	.	.	.	.	2,168
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	818	831	362	361	140	382	.	.	.	.	2,894
Week 3: Aug 6-12	939	1,096	362	441	162	380	.	.	.	.	3,380
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	1,069	1,000	1,000	751	375	331	.	.	.	.	4,526
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	1,378	1,473	1,000	952	322	400	.	.	.	.	5,525
Week 3: Aug 6-12	1,600	1,921	1,000	1,157	310	400	.	.	.	.	6,388
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	319	276	237	230	75	10	.	.	.	.	1,147
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	414	389	50	277	43	10	.	.	.	.	1,183
Week 3: Aug 6-12	494	456	50	323	21	10	.	.	.	.	1,354
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	43	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	54
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	49	7	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	61
Week 3: Aug 6-12	55	6	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	403	294	186	54	35	6	978
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	401	340	206	54	106	16	.	.	.	.	1,123
Week 3: Aug 6-12	399	395	249	54	178	10	.	.	.	.	1,285
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	489	132	108	26	6	-29	.	.	.	.	732
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	529	142	37	26	-9	-24	.	.	.	.	701
Week 3: Aug 6-12	578	145	62	26	-7	38	.	.	.	.	842
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	478	400	330	319	231	69	.	.	.	.	1,827
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	556	345	330	451	237	44	.	.	.	.	1,963
Week 3: Aug 6-12	667	350	330	564	434	41	.	.	.	.	2,386
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	150	77	42	36	10	-6	.	.	.	.	309
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	135	30	47	-80	10	-14	.	.	.	.	128
Week 3: Aug 6-12	105	30	59	-130	10	-8	.	.	.	.	66
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	8	1	-1	8
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	8	1	0	9
Week 3: Aug 6-12	8	1	1	10

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	417	215	140	128	84	16	1,000
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	515	250	76	128	50	43	.	.	.	.	1,062
Week 3: Aug 6-12	600	200	88	128	60	25	.	.	.	.	1,101
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	212	140	62	43	39	-22	.	.	.	.	474
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	129	122	62	30	116	300	.	.	.	.	759
Week 3: Aug 6-12	16	110	62	28	130	300	.	.	.	.	646
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	444	345	111	59	10	-165	.	.	.	.	804
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	444	379	-437	62	26	100	.	.	.	.	574
Week 3: Aug 6-12	444	418	-927	55	33	100	.	.	.	.	123
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	334	294	145	30	-19	-81	.	.	.	.	703
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	150	280	261	30	-30	-42	.	.	.	.	649
Week 3: Aug 6-12	150	269	311	30	-40	-72	.	.	.	.	648
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	19	11	10	40
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	23	11	10	44
Week 3: Aug 6-12	27	10	10	47

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	421	248	100	82	31	31	913
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	200	307	100	70	148	61	.	.	.	.	886
Week 3: Aug 6-12	200	337	100	65	259	75	.	.	.	.	1,036
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	670	312	129	116	-52	-280	.	.	.	.	895
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	716	150	195	116	-18	-402	.	.	.	.	757
Week 3: Aug 6-12	722	150	336	116	-26	-513	.	.	.	.	785
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	377	316	275	237	50	36	.	.	.	.	1,291
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	397	450	275	200	24	65	.	.	.	.	1,411
Week 3: Aug 6-12	484	657	275	200	30	121	.	.	.	.	1,767
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	165	119	18	10	-21	-29	.	.	.	.	262
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	30	103	29	10	-26	-34	.	.	.	.	112
Week 3: Aug 6-12	25	128	36	10	-31	-3	.	.	.	.	165
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	4	4	1	9
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	5	6	1	12
Week 3: Aug 6-12	6	8	1	15

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	123	103	86	25	337
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	123	110	100	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	350
Week 3: Aug 6-12	123	119	100	23	.	.	.	.	.	.	365
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	173	155	90	33	.	.	.	.	.	.	451
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	100	149	90	38	.	.	.	.	.	.	377
Week 3: Aug 6-12	100	142	90	33	.	.	.	.	.	.	365
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	364	93	-12	-135	.	.	.	.	.	.	310
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	364	55	-92	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	352
Week 3: Aug 6-12	364	20	-144	25	.	.	.	.	.	.	265
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	419	282	38	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	759
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	413	100	34	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	567
Week 3: Aug 6-12	407	100	42	20	.	.	.	.	.	.	569
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	4	1	5
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	4	1	5
Week 3: Aug 6-12	4	1	5

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	435	86	22	10	1	554
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	405	50	75	10	8	.	.	.	.	.	548
Week 3: Aug 6-12	420	50	45	10	31	.	.	.	.	.	556
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	167	92	81	22	1	.	.	.	.	.	363
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	51	48	76	27	1	.	.	.	.	.	203
Week 3: Aug 6-12	33	50	57	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	161
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	347	20	-1	-113	-238	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	8	20	90	-175	-105	.	.	.	.	.	-162
Week 3: Aug 6-12	-329	20	110	-273	-119	.	.	.	.	.	-591
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	143	132	114	5	-227	.	.	.	.	.	167
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	80	54	119	5	-223	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 3: Aug 6-12	80	-4	122	5	-199	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Jul 23-29	29	1	30
Week 2: Jul 30-Aug 5	32	1	33
Week 3: Aug 6-12	33	1	34

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

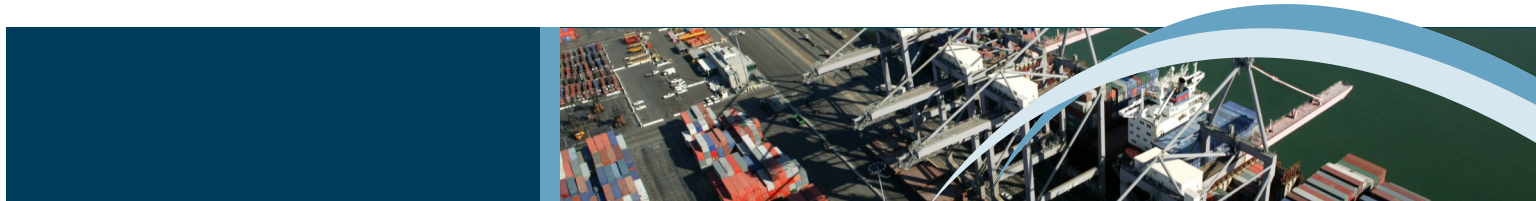
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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 - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
 - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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